

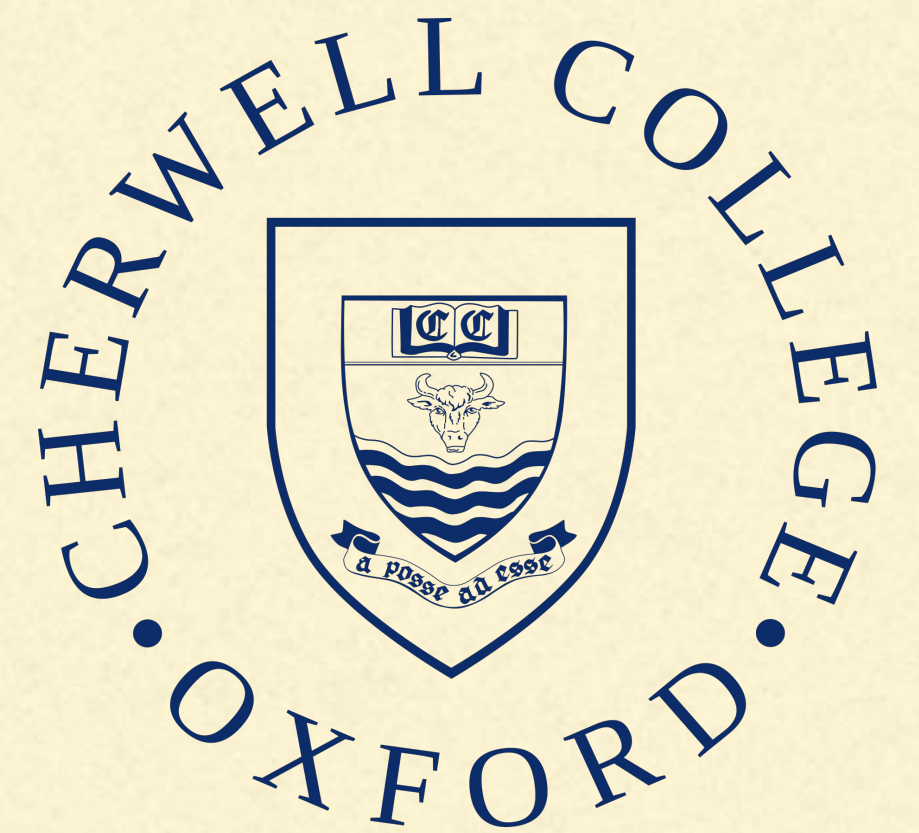
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# CHERWELL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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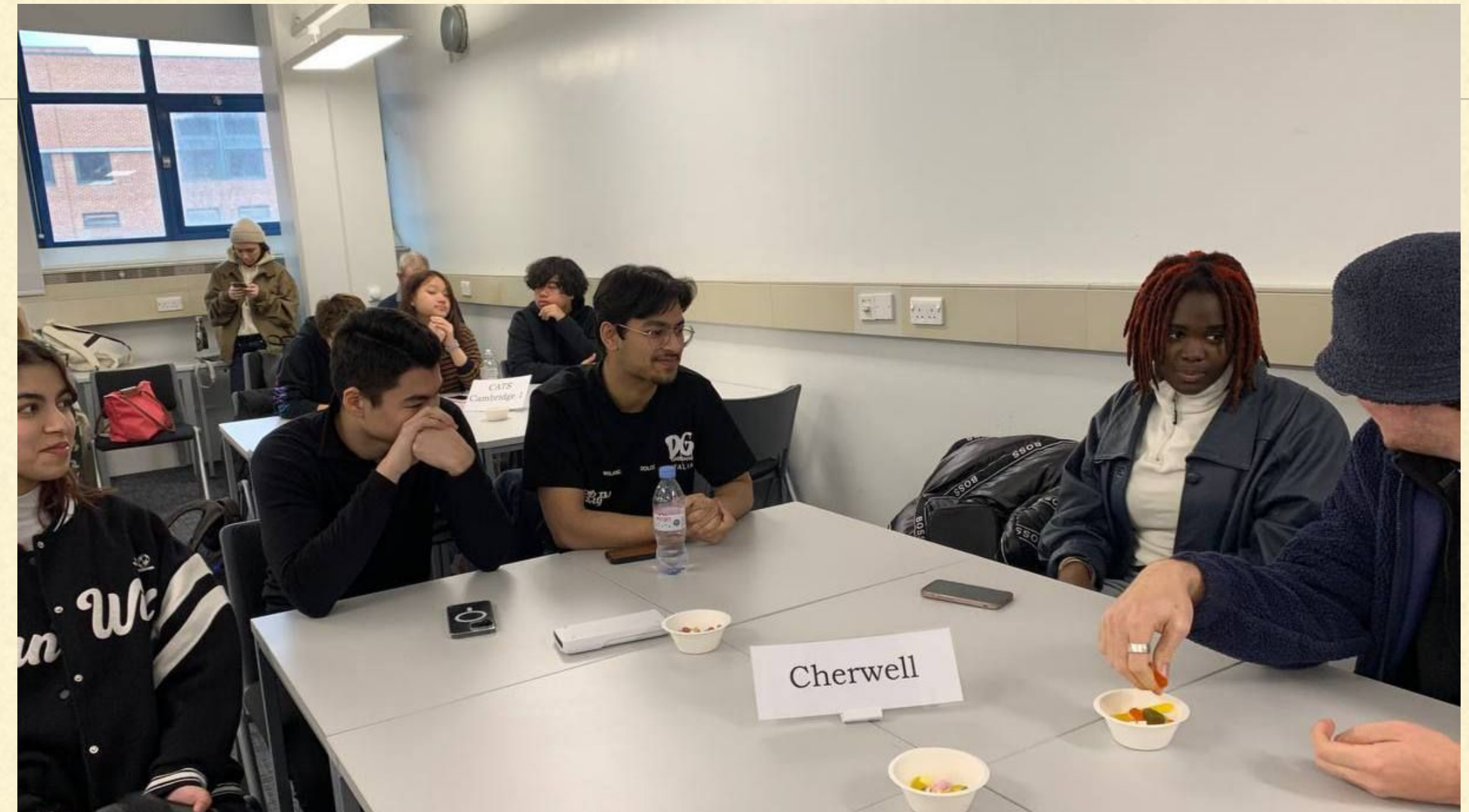
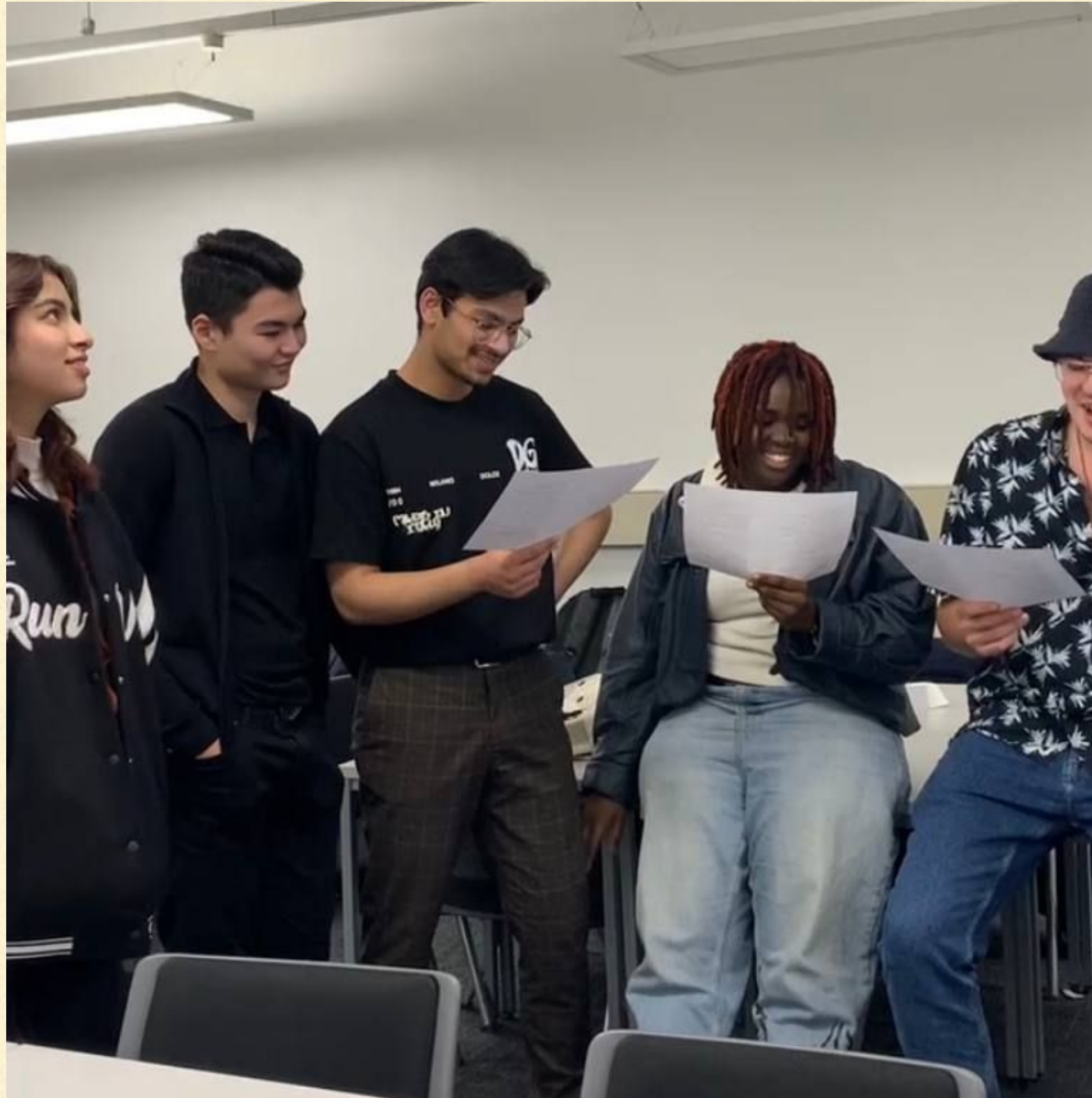
SPECIAL ISSUE

June 2023





# CIFE COMPETITION @ QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



This year Cherwell College students proved to be a unity of like-minded individuals who can overcome any hurdle together.

*Zuha: "The whole challenge was extremely thought through and easy to participate in. I especially liked that everyone was very kind and approachable."*



# A SURPRISE VISIT BY OUR FORMER STUDENT

We had a surprise visit by our former student — Zain, who is now in Exeter University reading Political Science.

Zain joined us for the school assembly and gave an impressive speech reflecting on his time at Cherwell, some of his valuable insights include:

*“Every day is an opportunity, you either use it or sit in your room without achieving anything at all”*

*“You cannot be silent, this is your chance to speak up and discover what’s really important for you as an individual”*

*“You must be very specific and work hard to engage with the world”*

It was a delightful experience!





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# CIFE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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Our Cherwell football team took part in the CIFE football tournament 2023 and we couldn't be more proud.

It was an incredible experience playing against other colleges and showcasing our skills on the pitch. The competition was tough, but our team worked together and gave it our all.

Win or lose, the team played with passion, sportsmanship and a never-give-up attitude.

Thank you to our Principal (Stephen Clarke), CIFE colleges and Oxford City FC for organizing and hosting such a great event and giving us the chance to compete at this level. We can't wait to come back stronger next year!



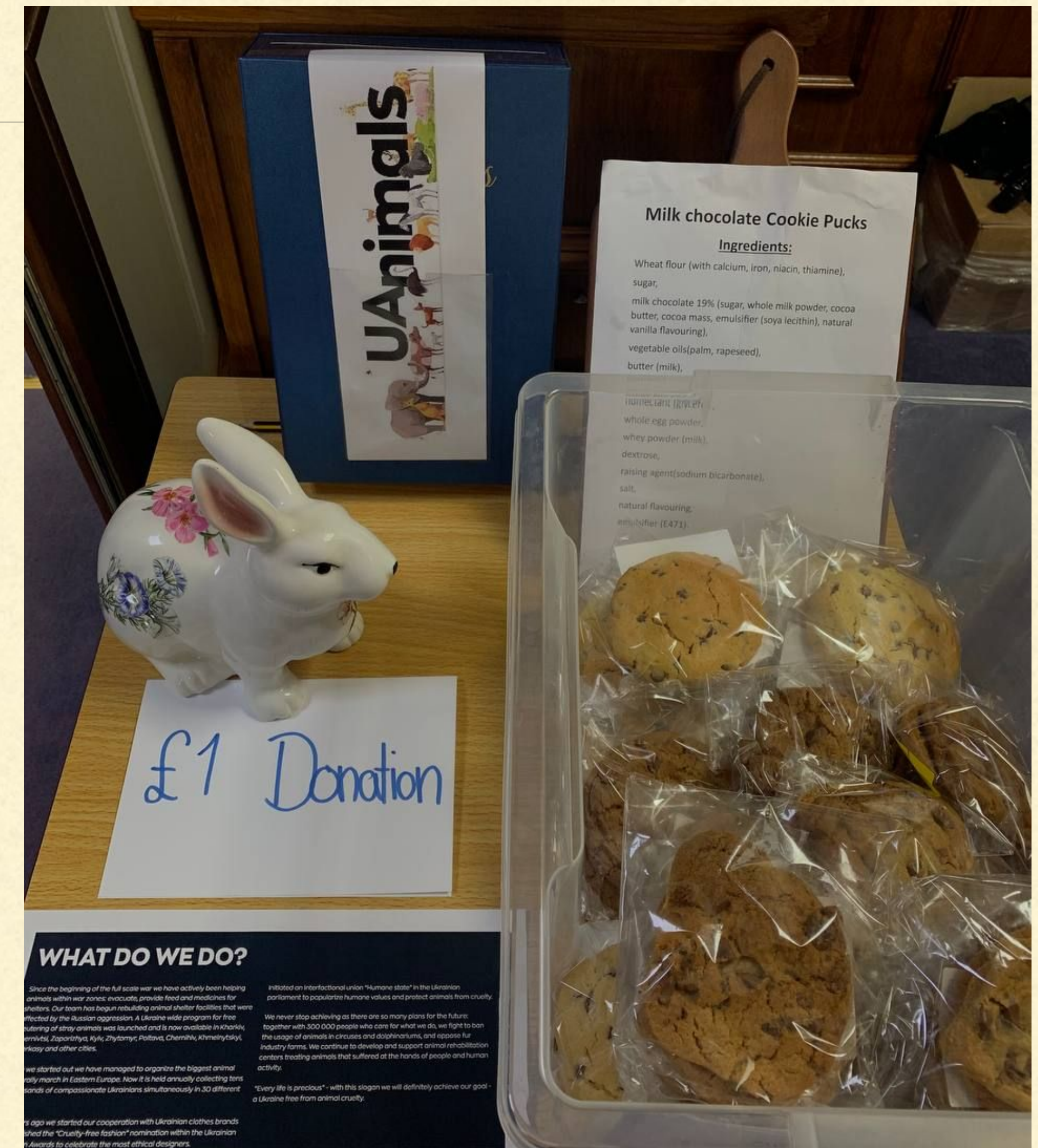


# CHARITY & VOLUNTEERING

Cherwell College also hosted a charity event to raise funds for an animal shelter. One of the students, Zuha Bukhari, was in charge of running a little fund raiser for her Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering project. The aim was to make a positive impact on society and help those in need. The event was open to all students and tutors who want to make a difference and contribute to making the world a better place.

Everybody was welcome to come and make a donation while receiving our charity cookies (very fresh and delicious cooked by our amazing Chefs!)

It was heartwarming to see so many people coming together to support this great cause.





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# THE FUTURE OF EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR

## BY KEN SINGER

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The future of employment and education is rapidly changing as technology continues to advance. It's more important than ever to adapt to these changes and stay ahead of the game. Here are a few insights from a groundbreaking seminar at Cherwell with our guest speaker, Ken Singer, Managing Director of the Sutardja Center for Entrepreneurship & Technology at UC Berkeley:



Ken: *“Embrace flexibility: future may be scary, however, this lack of stability creates further possibilities. All famous companies were created during the times of upheaval. Take these cultural, political, natural, and systematic shifts to succeed and change the game.”*

*“Think globally: The rise of technology has made the world more connected than ever. Consider developing skills and knowledge that are globally applicable to increase your chances of success.”*

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# CIFE AWARD IN LONDON

We are proud to announce that one of our exceptional students, Nathan, has won the CIFE award this year!

The CIFE award, which is awarded annually by the Council for Independent Education, recognises outstanding academic achievement and personal growth among college students across the United Kingdom. This year, Nathan's hard work, rigorous analytical skills and passion have not gone unnoticed, which won him a nomination by Cherwell College.

We are thrilled to see Nathan's dedication to academic study recognised with this prestigious award. Throughout his time at our college, he has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to academic excellence and personal growth. He has been an inspiration to his fellow students and a valued member of our college community.





# HARD WORK ON THE EPQ'S

Some unforgettable EPQ presentations by our students, showcasing their research and critical thinking skills. Different topics were in focus: from the Symbolism of Handmaid's Tale and How Women Philosophers Impacted Feminism to Duke Ellington.



It was an intense and rewarding experience, and we're glad to have had the opportunity to enrich our knowledge.



# CHERWELL COLLEGE AWARD

Earning points for Cherwell College extra-curricular award:

It involves students dividing into two teams (Team Red and Team Green), and actively participating in various non-academic activities and events throughout the Trinity term. These may include joining clubs, volunteering for community service projects, attending workshops, participating in sports or other recreational activities, and so on. Each activity is assigned a specific point value, which is tallied up over time to determine a student's overall involvement and commitment to extracurricular activities.





# OXFORDSHIRE ART WEEKS 2023

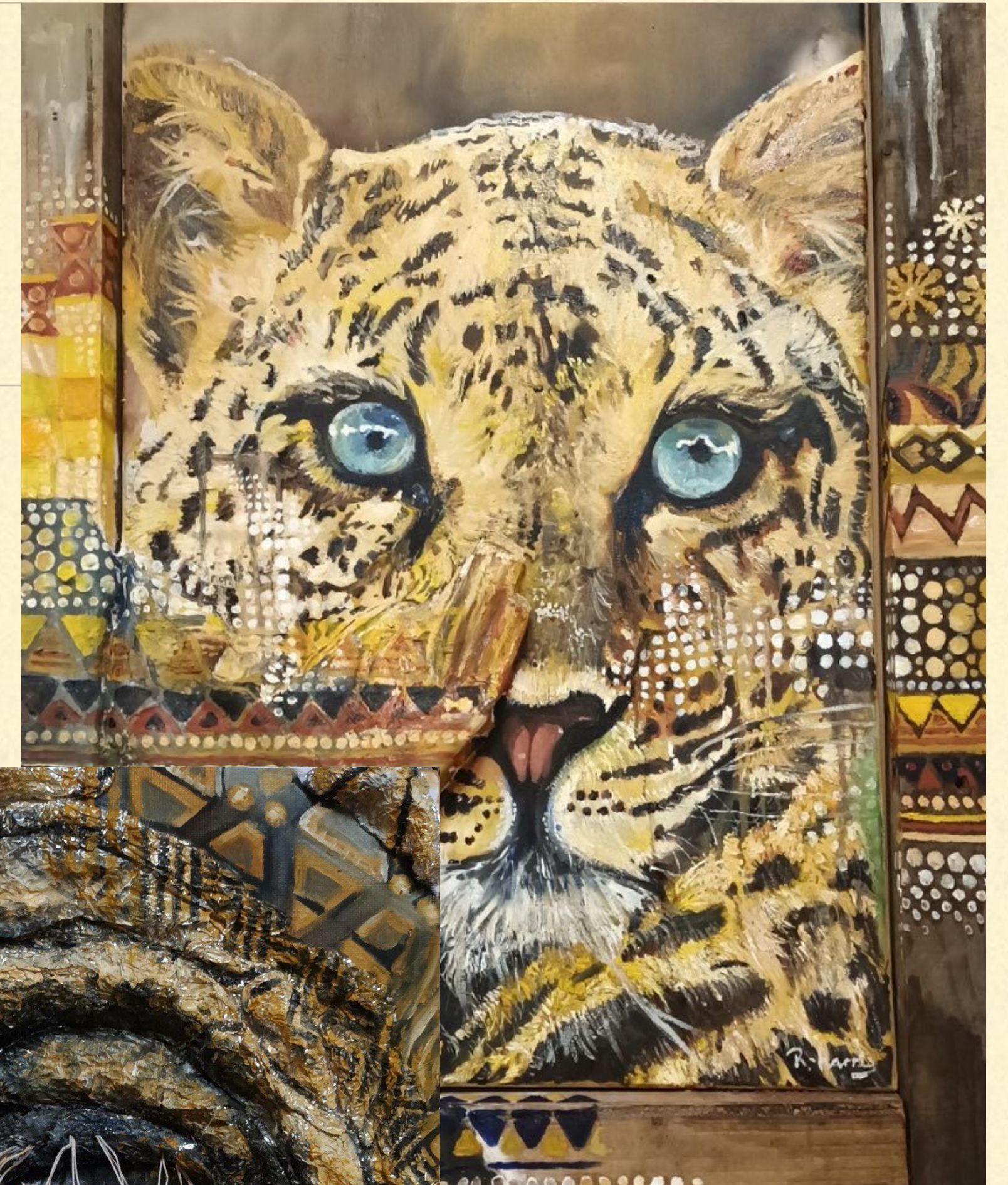


## CHERWELL COLLEGE ART GALLERY

This year our Cherwell Art Gallery hosted a special exhibition, enthused by the collaboration between our talented students, tutors, partners and parents.

Students are the beating heart of Cherwell College - this special season would not have been possible without their tremendous help and dedicated involvement!

Rose's help in planning the layout of the exhibition by putting together art pieces whilst creating her own art works (*pictured right*), made the experience of art weeks at Cherwell very worthy.





# REBIRTH OF HOPE

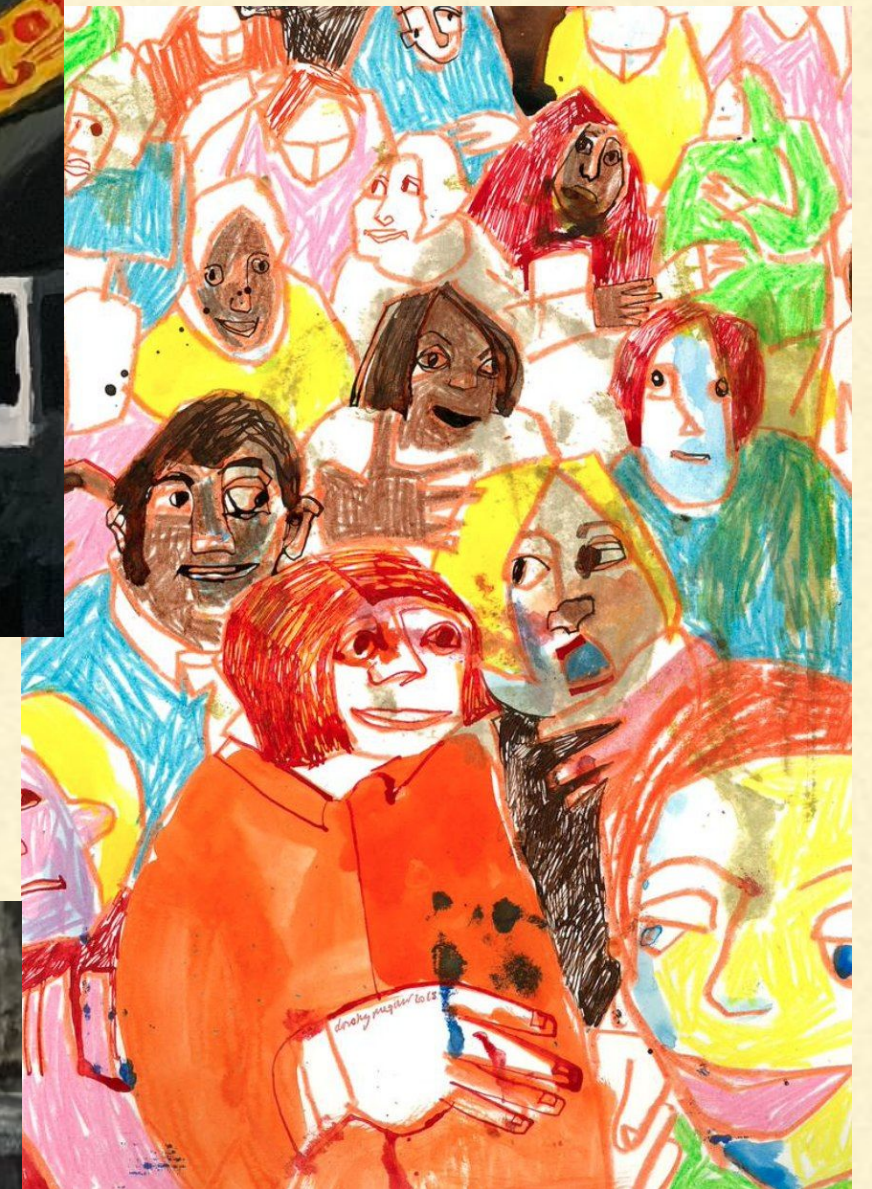
Helen Clarke, Vice-Principal: “The exhibition manifested a controversy of life: anger & despair caused by unjust wars and at the same time expresses love and rebirth of hope, the feeling you experience entering the room with Graham’s art pieces. Metamorphosis of life was depicted by a very thoughtful installation “Contra spem spero”, created by Olena Naumenko - a prominent Ukrainian artist.

This season of Art Weeks introduced a wonderful opportunity for a cultural exchange between Ukrainian artists, musicians, children, Cherwell College tutors and students from a multicultural background: driving creativity, innovation, diversity and humankind.”



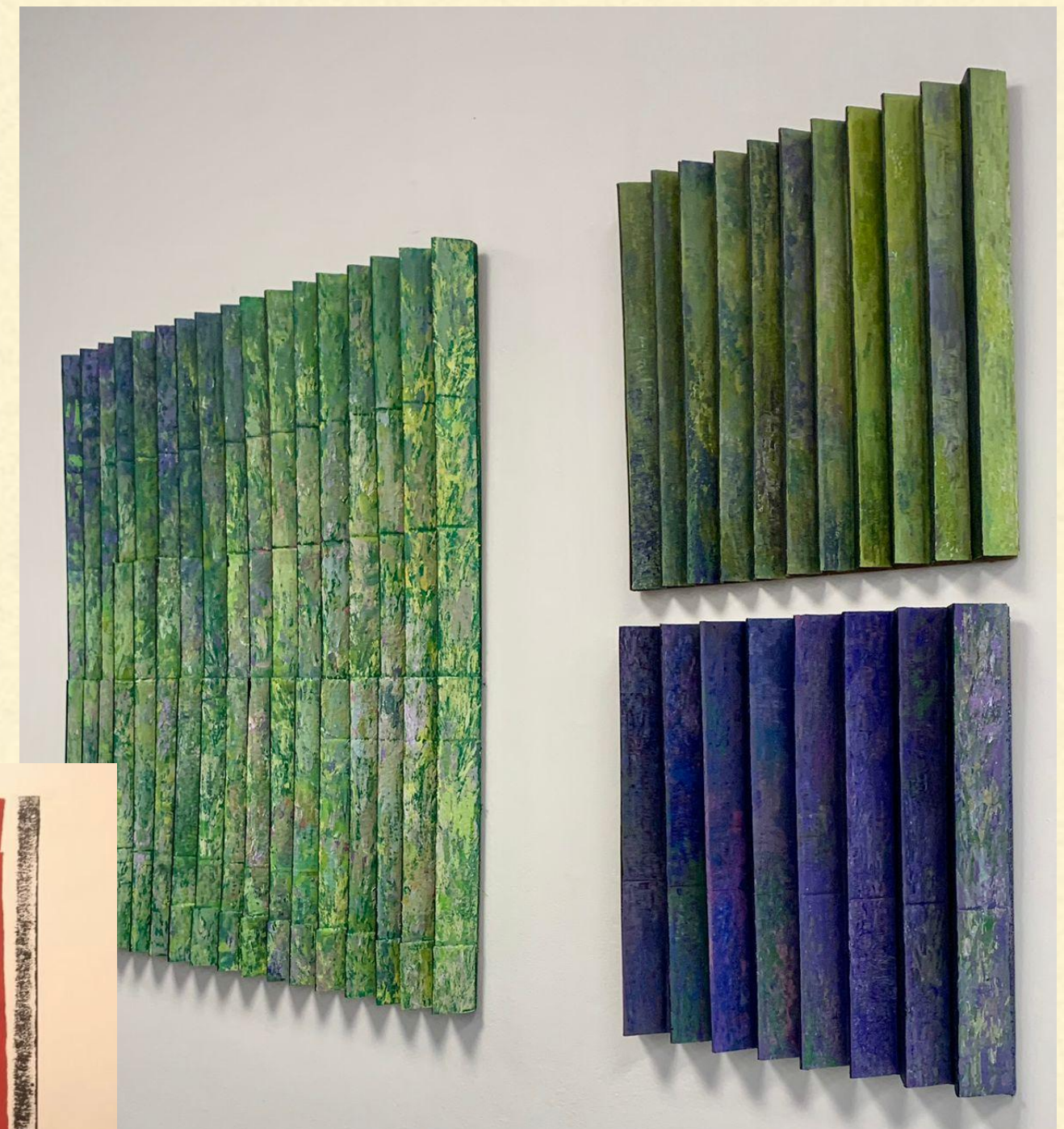
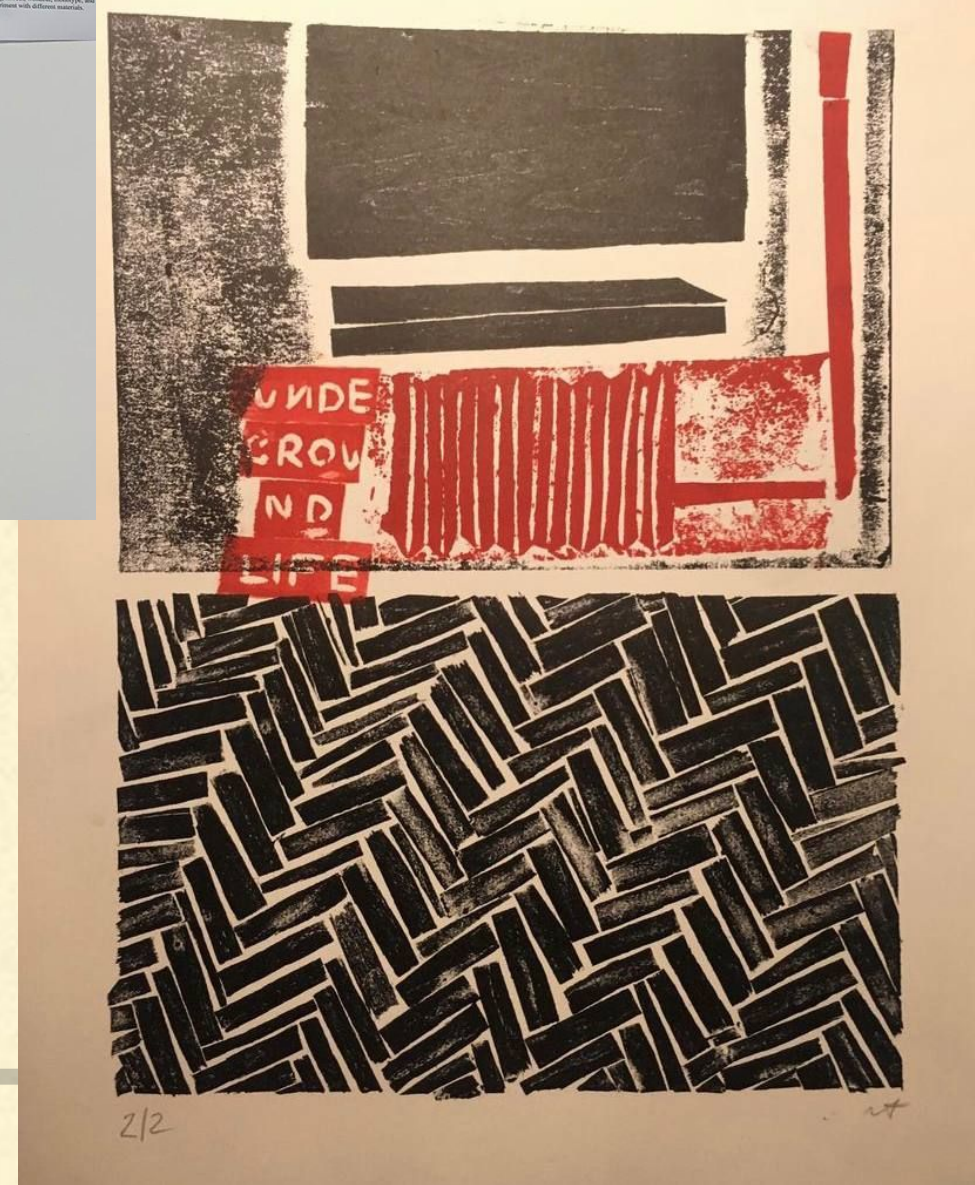
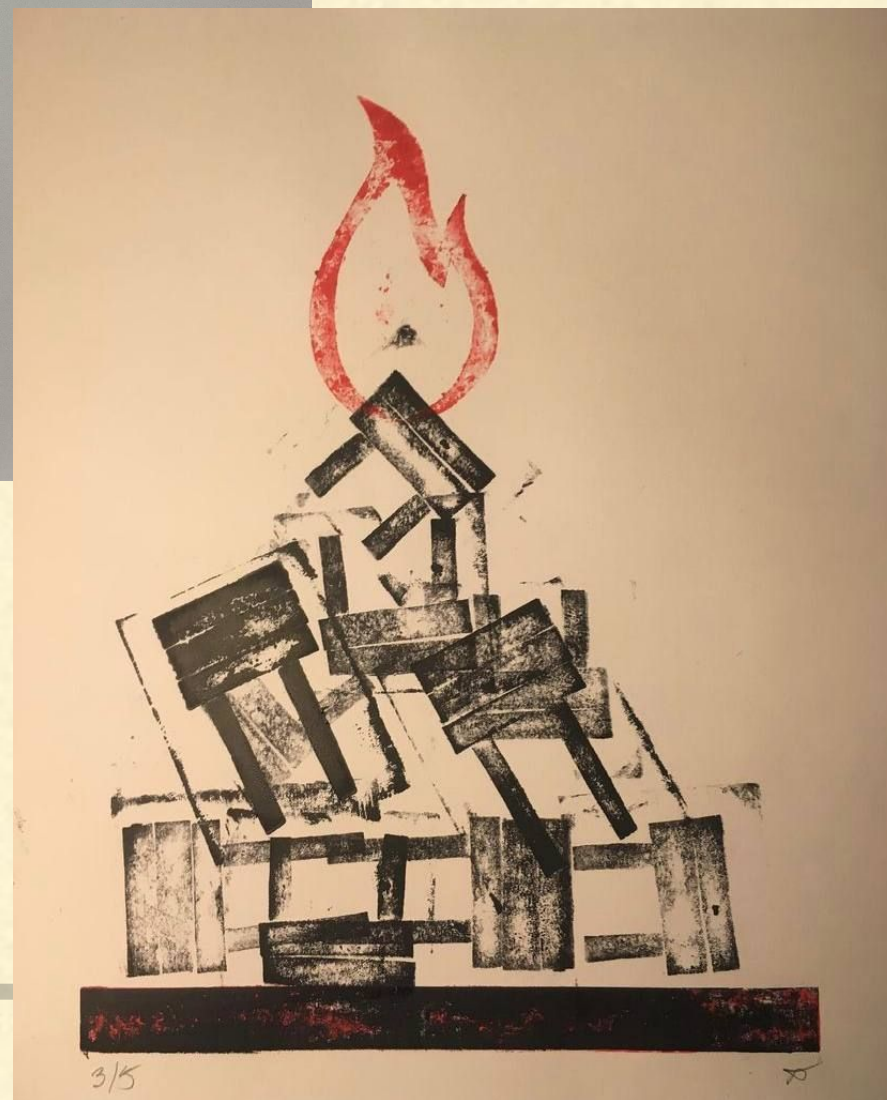
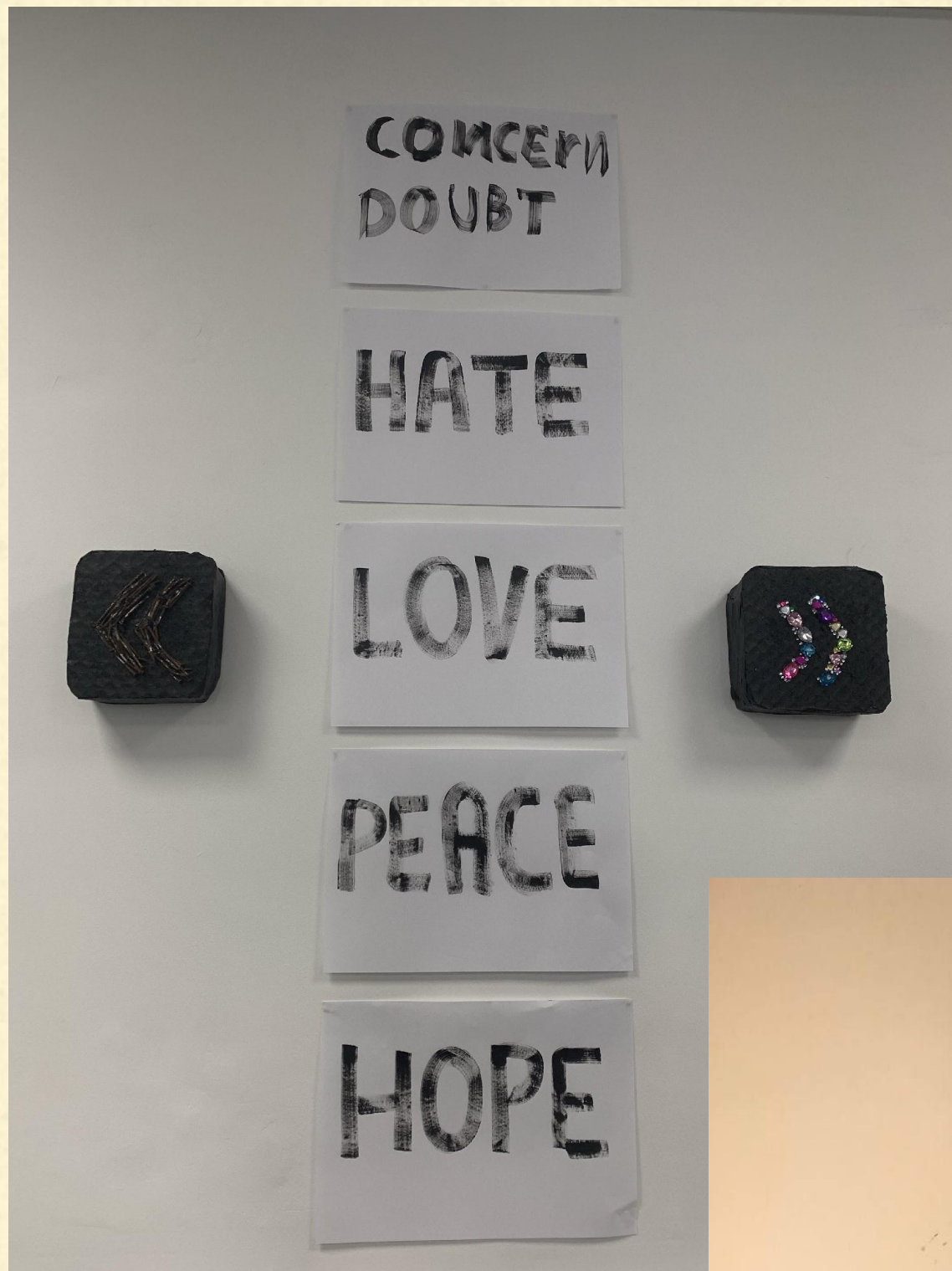


# EXHIBITION PARTICIPANTS: CHERWELL TUTORS AND STUDENTS





# EXHIBITION PARTICIPANTS: UKRAINIAN ARTISTS





# CHERWELL COLLEGE ART WEEKS 2023

## THE CHERWELL KIDS CHOIR CONCERT

We are thrilled to share the joyous moments of the extraordinary performance by our amazing kids choir. They took the stage by storm and left the audience in awe with their enchanting voices, vibrant energy, and sheer talent. The atmosphere was electric as they showcased their months of dedication and hard work, reminding us all why music is truly the universal language of the soul.

Leo, Cherwell College tutor: *“It was a marvellous performance. I got goosebumps.”*





# STUDENT IN SPOTLIGHT: ZUHA

An unforgettable performance by one of our GCSE students during the College-run multidisciplinary project this May under the umbrella of Oxfordshire Artweeks.

As part of this year's participation in Artweeks, a number of musical concerts took place, which were attended by our tutors and students, together with a wider Oxford audience.

During one such concert on Saturday (20th May), our student, Zuha, was one of the participants who performed a song "Easy on Me"







Date: **May 20, 2023**

Start: **4:00** pm

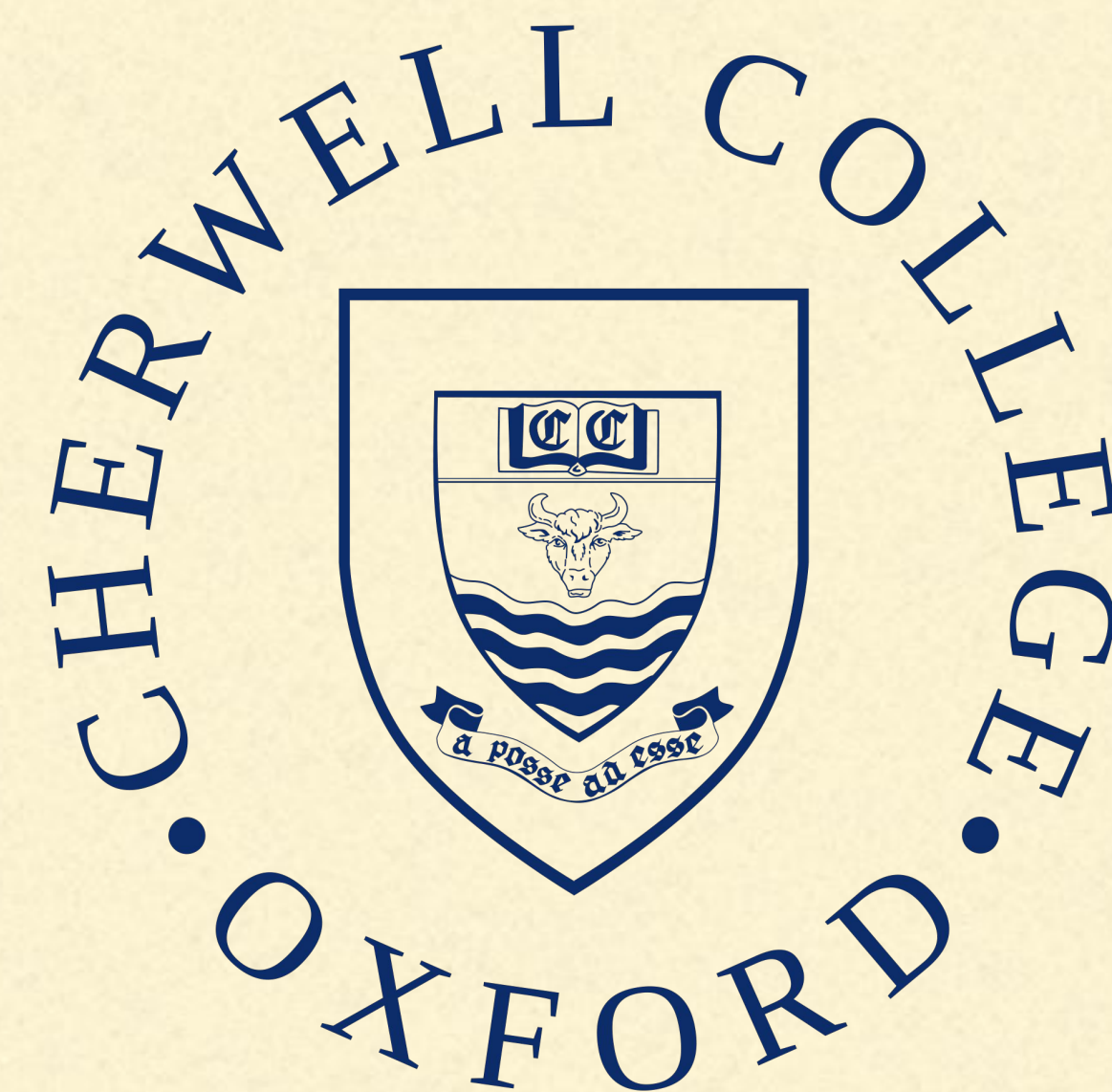
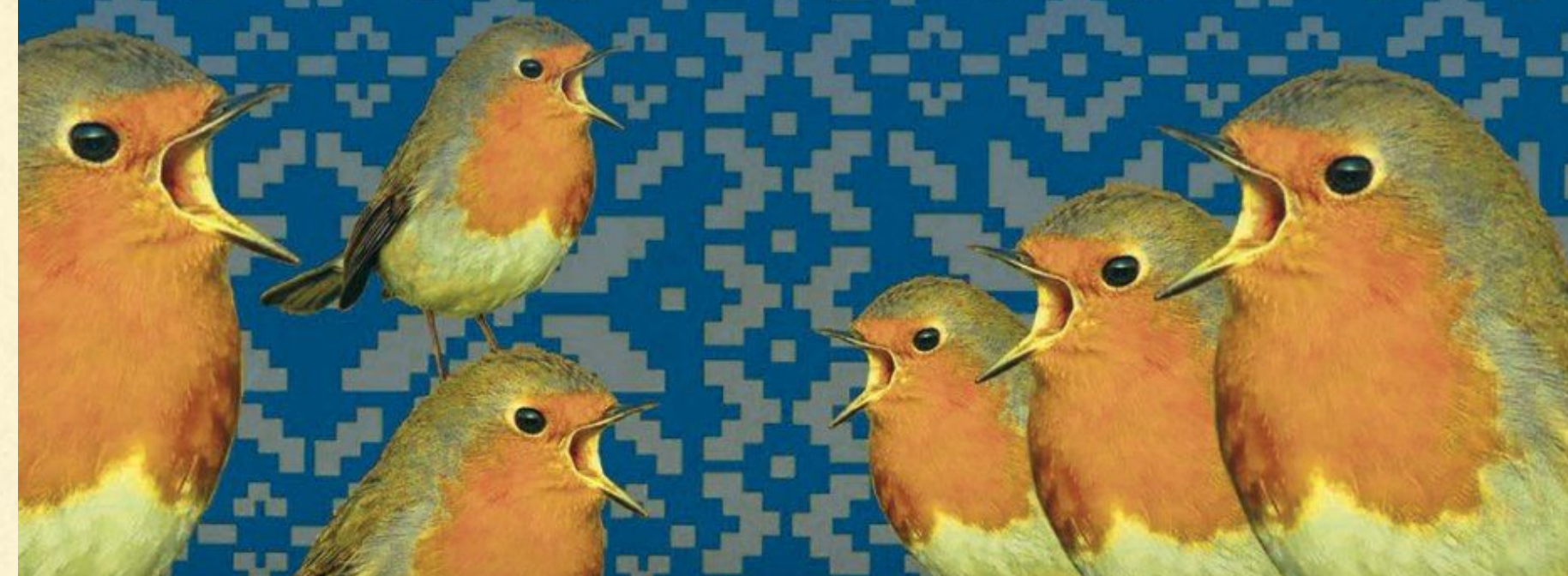


St. Michael at the North Gate Church OX1 3EY

## The Cherwell Choir Concert

The Cherwell Choir united Ukrainian children who found themselves in Britain because of war. Under the guidance of a professional teacher, Yevhenya Dyachenko, who is also a refugee from Ukraine, the young singers perform songs by contemporary Ukrainian pop stars.

Please consider supporting this initiative by adding a voluntary donation. Tickets available via





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# CHERWELL COLLEGE ART WEEKS 2023

## THE VIOLIN DUO CONCERT AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: BOHDANA PIVNENKO AND KORY SHELDUNOV

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Bohdana, Cherwell College Fellow: *“This year I will be participating in Oxford Art Weeks by Cherwell College, an outstanding event. Of course, I would like to surprise the audience, remembering Paganini's words that "Art should surprise". We have prepared an interesting programme based on the cooperation between teacher and student, how they can collaborate to make a concert, a certain performance, so that the audience will enjoy it.”*

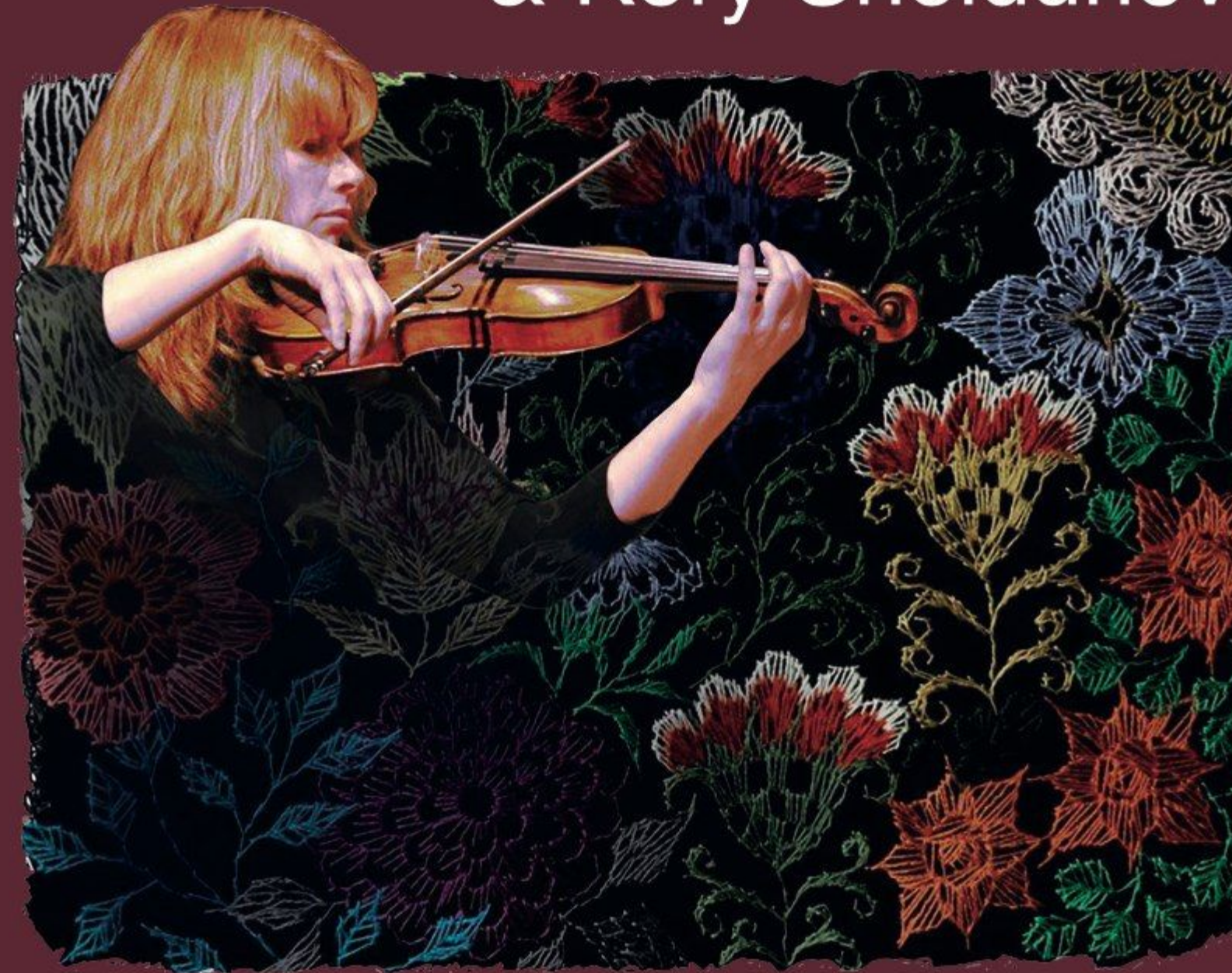
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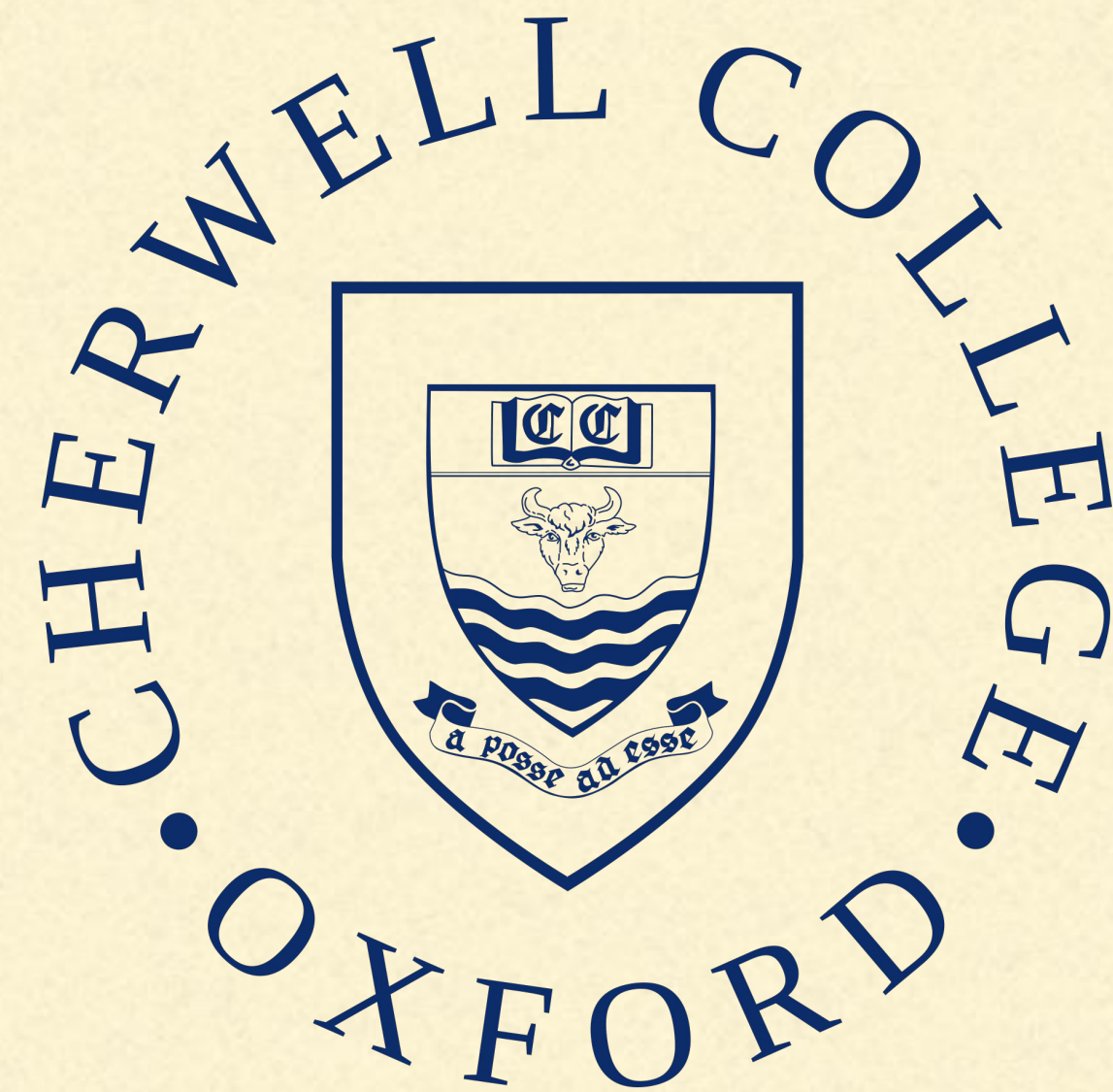


A Duet of  
Bogdana Pivnenko  
& Kory Sheldunov



A special programme of duets for two violins will be presented at the concert. It will demonstrate a musical dialogue between the teacher (Bogdana Pivnenko – a prominent Ukrainian violinist and a Cherwell College Fellow) and the student (a young Ukrainian prodigy – Kory Sheldunov)

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# GARDENING CLUB

TO SIGN UP:  
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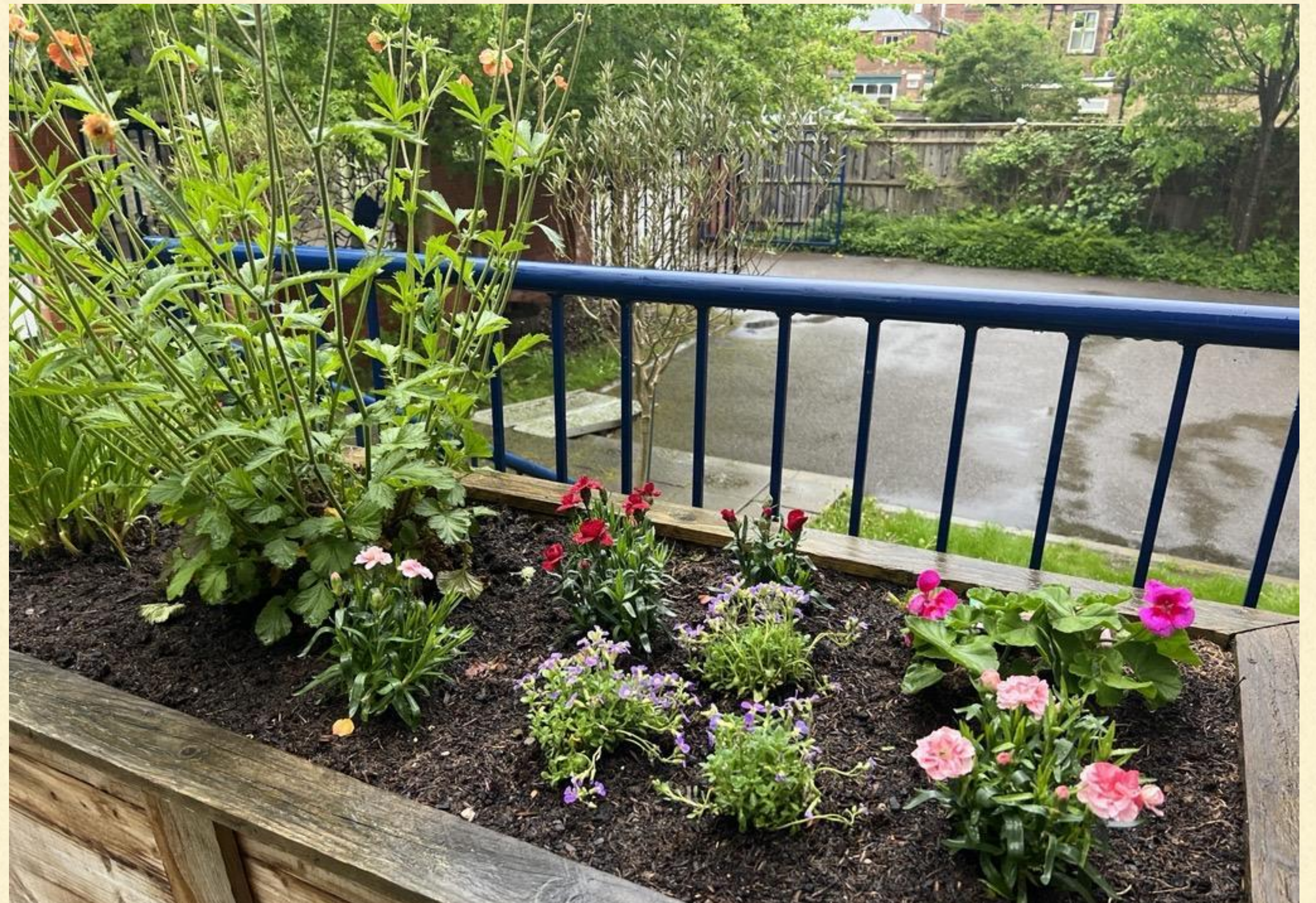


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THIS MAY

Everybody is welcome to come and have fun. Don't miss the chance to connect with the nature and relax after a difficult week.

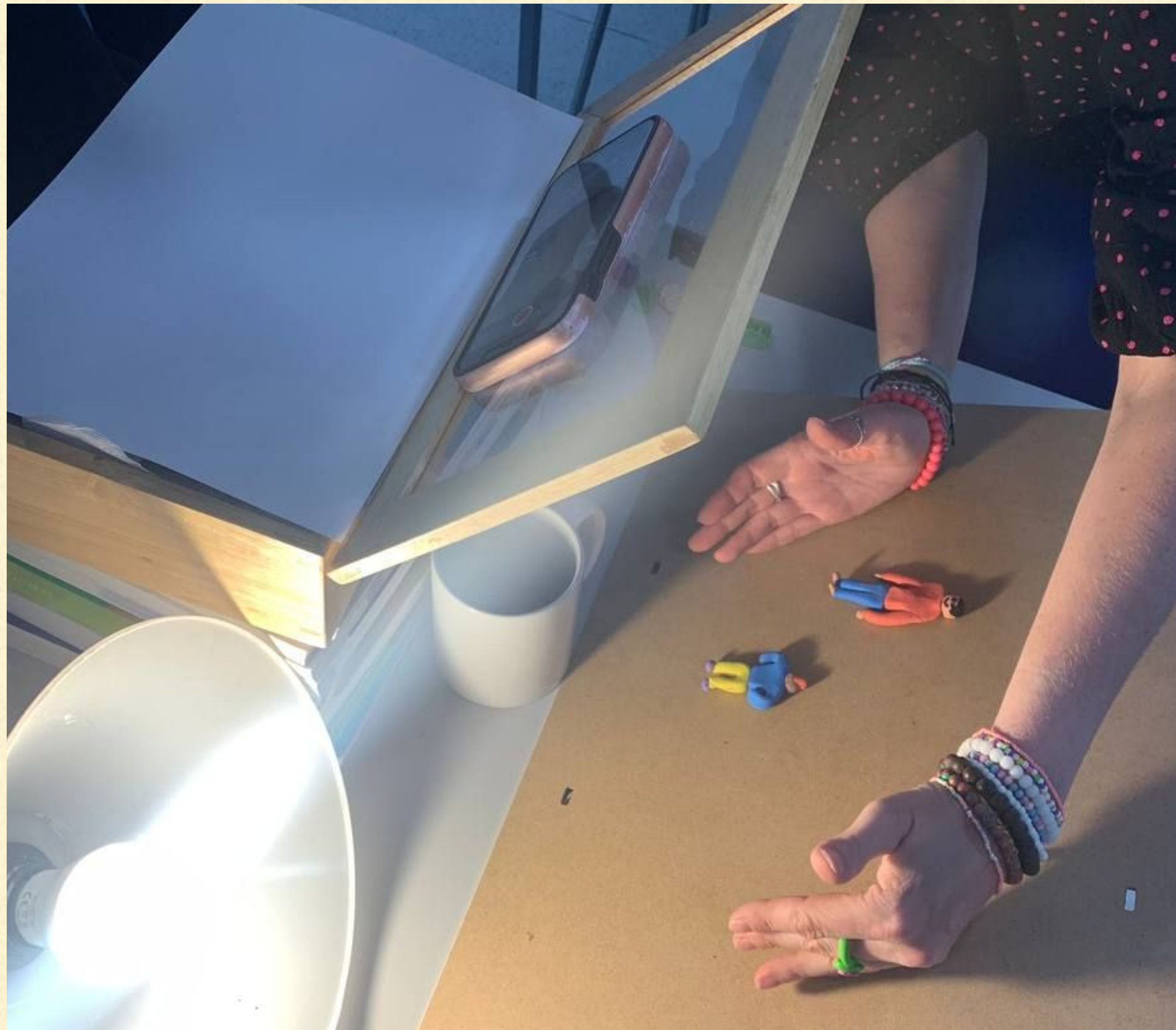
Don't hesitate to join!

# THE NEW GARDENING CLUB WAS A SUCCESS





# CARTOON CLUB AT CHERWELL HOUSE



We like to get creative here at Cherwell and challenge ourselves with creative tasks. The Cartoon Club is one of them. The outcome of a successful first session with Olena Naumenko, a Ukrainian artist, was a whole cartoon made by our students, which is definitely worth your attention...



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Great participation by all and we look forward  
to the second part of Trinity Term!

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